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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. DAVID RIVERA**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of David Rivera of Buffalo, New York, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin was sentenced to 51 months imprisonment, 6 years of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment penalty by Sr. United States District Judge John T. Elfvin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on the west side of the Buffalo, New York area. Rivera was indicted in two separate heroin conspiracy cases; in one case his brother, Angel Rivera, was also indicted and convicted. For some time, Rivera was a fugitive on the indictments, which combined with his prior criminal record resulted in his facing a more severe sentence under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency under the direction of Mark T. Peterson, Resident Agent in Charge.